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Bulgaria Condemns Chinese Theory for World Revolution

The January issue of the Bulgarian Communist Party's theoretical journal, Novo Vreme strongly denounced the Chinese approach to world revolution as an obvious deviation from Marxist-Lenist principles which must be firmly rejected. Although Bulgaria's party daily of 31 January said that the forthcoming Communist conference will not be an "Ecumenical Council" designed to "excommunicate" or interfere in the internal affairs of any party, Novo Vreme contended that the current conditions are such that Marxist criticism of the Chinese political line cannot be considered intervention in Chinese internal affairs. Novo Vreme insisted that those who remain silent or adopt "neutralist" positions on doctrinal questions, because of concern for the unity of the Communist movement, are deeply mistaken. Novo Vreme characterized each Communist party as a "detachment" of international Communism, and further stated that "despite the fact that at present a Communist international does not exist" each party is obligated to insure the correct interpretation of Marxist-Lenist principles and to this extent are responsible for all successes and failures of the World Communist movement.

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COMMENT: A broad definition of what constitutes intervention in internal affairs is exactly what "neutralist" parties like Yugoslavia and Rumania will not tolerate, and the Novo Vreme article has probably accentuated their suspicions about international Communist conferences.

Polish Defense Ministry Reshuffle Beginning?

Deputy Minister of National Defense, Lt. Gen. Jerzy Bordzilowski was released, on his own request, from the post of chief training inspector, and his deputy Maj. Gen. Tadeusz Tuczapski, was appointed in his stead, according to the 8 February issue of the Defense Ministry daily, Zolnierz Wolnosci.

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COMMENT: Bordzilowski apparently remains Deputy Defense Minister in charge of all Polish forces committed to the Warsaw Pact. The change may well be intended to give him more time for this primary function. It cannot be ruled out, however, that it may signal the eventual ouster of the 67-year old, strongly pro-Soviet officer from the Defense Ministry as well as from the central committee. Rumors to this effect have been circulating in Warsaw for over a year.

Both Bordzilowski and Tuczapski were appointed to their positions in the training inspectorate during the February 1965 pro-Soviet reshuffle of the Defense Ministry, and the current change cannot yet be viewed as a direct gain for the party's hardline, nationalistic faction with which Tuczapski has not been firmly identified.

Dissatisfaction with Soviet training methods, however, was one of the main controversies arising among the Polish military after last year's Middle East crisis. Tuczapski, despite Soviet schooling, is not as closely identified with Soviet methods and controls as his predecessor. Bordzilowski's replacement could thus be a move to assuage the nationalistic elements within the military. Whether it signals the beginning of additional shifts leading to the rumored replacement of Defense Minister Spychalski himself, remains to be seen.

Poles Raise Pitch of Anti-Vietnam Propaganda

The pitch of Polish anti-US/Vietnam propaganda rose another octave last weekend with major blasts at Washington in all major dailies. The party's Trybuna Ludu charged that the US "under no circumstances and under no conditions" wants to negotiate, except on terms of "capitulation of the other side." It added that despite US "victories or defeats, superhawks ... are pressing for a military victory." The daily charged that this "is not blindness, but even a worse disease ... superchauvinism," which makes the US ignore that "one and comprehensible condition," cessation of bombing of North Vietnam.

Other dailies, such as the trade union Glos Pracy and the Defense Ministry's Zolnierz Wolnosci focus on DRV Foreign Minister Trinh's offers of negotiations if bombing is stopped, and conclude by

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stating that it will be difficult "for Johnson to explain to the Americans and to the world at large why he rejects the chance created once again by the DRV." [redacted]

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Soviets Profit from IMG Demise in Poland

In a recent conversation with Polish students in a smoke and jazz filled Warsaw cafe, Ambassador Gronouski learned that pirated Soviet editions of US text and reference books are filling the void left by the Congressional decision last year to discontinue the International Media Guaranty (IMG) program in Poland. The ten-year old program had enabled the Poles to buy US periodicals, books, plays, and other materials for US-held Polish currency.

The students complained that current US texts and professional periodicals are no longer available, but that the Russian editions, in the original language as well as in translation, were better than nothing. The Soviet editions of US books, translations and digests of articles, and various compendia are now in wide use in Poland, although there is a delay of several months before they appear. Curiously, the Russians almost always give credit to US authors, institutions, and publishing firms. [redacted]

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COMMENT: Last year, Ambassador Gronouski was attempting unsuccessfully to counter Congressional arguments that the IMG represented a US Government subsidy to Polish education, and warned that it would be replaced by the most blatant type of Soviet "subsidy" accompanied by a propaganda windfall. [redacted]

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